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SUBJ: JUNTA DEMOCRATICA MEETING WITH CONGRESSMEN

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1. SPANISH PRESS REACTION TO JUNTA DEMOCRATICA'S APPEARANCE IN CONGRESS SO FAR LIMITED TO NATIONAL MOVEMENT'S ARRIBA, WHOSE REACTION IS AHARP. ARRIBA'S NEW YORK CORRESPONDENT FELIX ORTEGA DESCRIBED EVENT AS CONGRESSIONAL CONFERENCE WITH 12 SENATORS AND 18 REPRESENTATIVES IN ATTENDANCE, "THE FLOWER OF DEMOCRATIC PARTY IN BOTH CHAMBERS." NO MENTION MADE OF PRESENCE OF DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL OR PARTICIPATION BY OTHER NON-CONGRESSIONAL AMERICANS.

2. SEEKING TO EXPLAIN CONFERENCE, ORTEGA COMMENTS THAT U.S. HAS EITHER DECIDED THAT BASES AGREEMENT IS LOST CAUSE OR THAT OUTLOOK IN NEGOTIATIONS SO PESSIMISTIC THAT THEY HAVE DECIDED TO PLAY WITH GREATER AUDACITY." ON THIS POINT, ORTEGA BUILDS THEORY THAT, TO ASSURE SUCCESS IN NEGOTIATIONS, DEMOCRATS IN CONGRESS COURT OPPOSITION WHILE REPUBLICANS IN EXECUTIVE BRANCH DEAL WITH GOVT. HE SEES AFFAIR AS ONCE AGAIN PROVING THAT U.S. INTEREST IN BASES OVERRIDES ALL OTHER CONCERNS, INCLUDING IDOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES. P.C.E. SECRETARY GENERAL SANTIAGO CARILLO UNDERSTOOD THIS POINT, ORTEGA CONTENTS, WHEN HE SAID RECENTLY THAT "SINCE DETENTE
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EXISTS, P.C.E. WOULD ACCEPT BASES." ORTEGA ALSO NOTED THAT

ON SAME DAY AS CONGRESSIONAL CONFERENCE, KISSINGER WAS
TESTIFYING ON EUROPEAN TRIP INCLUDING RELATIONS WITH SPAIN BEFORE
ANOTHER CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE.

3. ARriba COLUMNIST PEDRO RODRIGUEZ PREDICTED JUNTA'S
MEETING WITH CONGRESS WOULD COME AS SHOCK TO SPAIN'S
"DRAWING-ROOM LIBERALS" ADDING THAT WHILE REPUBLICANS
WERE CARRYING AWAY KEY TO CITY OF MADRID AND ITS HOSPITALITY,
DEMOCRATS WERE MEETING WITH OPPOSITION.

4. EMBASSY HAS ALREADY HAD ONE PRESS INQUIRY ABOUT JUNTA'S
CONGRESSIONAL APPEARANCE AND IT DREW ON REFTEL
TO PROVIDE CORRECT DETAILS ON NATURE OF MEETING AND PARTI-
CIPANTS.
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